

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Reverend Father Ambrose German, OFM, an esteemed resident of Frene Valley Health Center in Hermann, Missouri, who celebrated his Golden Jubilee on Sunday, June 22, 2003, at St. George Catholic Church; and

Whereas, born Arthur Stephen German on August 12, 1926, Father Ambrose completed elementary school and entered St. Joseph Seminary, a preparatory school for the Franciscan order at Westmont, Illinois, in 1940; and

Whereas, Father Ambrose spent four years of high school and one year of college at Westmont before entering the Franciscan Novitiate at Teutopolis, Illinois, where he was invested with the Franciscan habit on July 4, 1945, receiving Ambrose as his name in religion; and

Whereas, Father Ambrose was ordained a priest on June 29, 1953, at St. Francis Church in Teutopolis and spent his first years as a priest at Quincy, Illinois, where he studied at Quincy College and served as an assistant at St. Francis Solanus Friary; and

Whereas, Father Ambrose later taught Latin and Greek at St. Joseph Seminary in Westmont, Illinois; earned his Bachelor's degree from Quincy College; and his Master's degree from Notre Dame University; and

Whereas, Father Ambrose served as an associate pastor and pastor at St. Francis in Humphrey, Nebraska, joined St. Francis Borgia Parish in Washington as associate pastor in 1986, and accepted the role of pastor at St. George Catholic Church on October 30, 1987, where he played an integral role in the spiritual development of his flock for fifteen years before suffering a stroke on Holy Thursday, March 28, 2002; and

Whereas, a genealogy buff who assembled brief histories of the parishioners at St. George Church after they passed away and who enjoyed many hobbies such as gardening, making wine from various grape varieties, and growing African violets, Father Ambrose was also honored during a Mass at Frene Valley Health Center on June 25, 2003, that was attended by special guests Father John Rausch, OFM, Brother Damian Pfeiffer, OFM, and Brother Herman Joseph James, OFM:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Father Ambrose in honor of his Golden Jubilee and in wishing him tremendous peace and contentment as he continues his journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend Father Ambrose German, OFM.

Offered by _____
Representative Charles Schlottach
District No. 111

Representative Merrill M. Townley
District No. 112

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4226, adopted September 24, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker